

Crochet Extra

70th Edition - September 2011

Spring is here (not that I can see it through the mist) and it is time to think about thread crochet and finish off the winter rugs, hats and scarves that kept us going through winter.



With lots of new books on the horizon, we are also excited about our new 18" (45cm) doll range to go with these books.

Dolls have been a favourite with so many of our customers and these should fill the gap nicely. Still looking for soft bodied baby dolls at a realistic price.



Last month was brisk and some days rather exhausting, so it seems that crochet/tatting/knitting and hardanger are still very popular with lots of new people still finding us. Thank you for all the referrals and kind words that have enabled us to grow over the past 9 years. Word of mouth is by far the best form of advertising and with the unstable economic market of late, our extra attention to service and care is time and effort well spent.



With so much available, this month we have decided to reflect on the other items, that when combined, make our little business just a bit more interesting.

Until next time,

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THEME OF THE MONTH

BITS AND PIECES

Oh yes we have lots of them! Somehow we convince ourselves that they are crochet related. We stock wool and



tapestry needles for sewing up crochet and tucking in the ends and scissors to snip off the excess thread. We have a

variety of needle threaders from the simple to the ornate. Pom pom makers of several styles and sizes. Yo yo makers and templates for circles, hearts, oblongs, shamrocks, butterflies, ovals and flowers.



Purse frames to finish off the beaded purse - these start at 25mm for those tiny projects and strung seed beads. Fabric stiffener to stiffen the bells, baskets and shoes and awls to help with holes. Not to mention tea towels and hand towels to cut in half and crochet. Plus

face washers for kiddies and ladies.

Tatting shuttles of many styles, winders and bobbins, cord makers and hair pin frames. Add a few knitting needles, gauges and pouches and sprinkle in some daisy wheels and flower looms.



Add porcelain half dolls, dolls of all sizes (3.5cm to 45cm), bed, toilet and cupie dolls and doll stands. Combine with a hanky or two and a few pieces of traced linen and some evenweave fabrics to beautify the mix. *(Sounds like we are making a cake!)*

Not to mention quick unpicks, knitting nancys, knitting machines, magnetic boards, bow makers, frill and flower makers, flower knot makers, loopy tools, eyes, noses and paws.



As you see not a lot of crochet amongst this lot, but all necessary to the cause. We all love nick knacks and they make our world a little more interesting. Just in case you are wondering, we do stock crochet hooks, crochet threads in numerous sizes and hundreds of colours, baby yarn (2ply through to 8ply) and lots and lots of crochet/tatting/knitting/hardanger books - yes over 2000 different titles in books.



Think we are hooked.

WE'RE HOOKED ON CROCHET!



CROCHETER'S CORNER and Masterpieces of the Month



Send us a photo of your masterpiece and tell us what book it came from and your masterpiece could feature in the next edition of "Crochet Extra"

Here are some customer comments and masterpieces for this month!

Many thanks for the phone call and of course the tricot hook. Good to know that you can now finally get those sorts of things here in Australia, rather than England, Canada or the US, or maybe it's because I have only just found you. Thank you also for the news letter, that is very interesting and here's me thinking that crochet etc is less popular than it was, hopefully it's making a come back. **Aly V, Kingsgrove NSW.**



Wow you certainly are quick at getting orders out!! I have just come home from an appointment and there was my order waiting for me and I thought if only everyone was as good to deal with as you!! Thankyou for your help with this one. Oh and before I forget I got something for all my Ekka entries this year, 5 all told.



Kath L, Bray Park QLD. *Well done Kath, we are looking forward to seeing the pictures so we can share them with our readers.*



Hazel B from Yepoon QLD sent us this beautiful hand crocheted handkerchief worked in Lizbeth #80 thread. Well done Hazel. *We stock the alpha hankies and 130 colours of the #80 Lizbeth thread.*

Happy Hookers Competition

The Crochet Australia Team is proud to announce the winner of our "Happy Hookers Competition" who will receive a \$20 gift voucher. This is the winner from the July 2011 period.



**Congratulations
Helen C
WARILLA NSW**



Entering the competition couldn't be easier. All you have to do is place an order. All orders will enter the random draw which takes place on the last day of every month. Good Luck!!

Thank you very much for the prompt delivery of the crochet hooks I ordered only yesterday afternoon. Do you have people working for you inside Australia Post?? I am so glad I've now got a full set of crochet hooks as I find my tension is never quite right and it is always holding me up with projects while I find time to go and get another hook. **Ann H, Upper Mt Gravatt QLD.** *Ann is the proud owner of a set of Lotus hooks.*



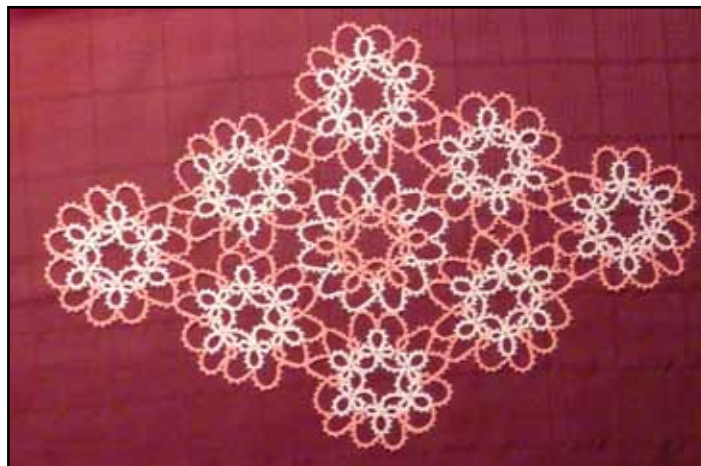
Susan L, Nambour QLD called in and showed us a bag she was crocheting from a ball of string. It is made from 13 squares, 8 of which are flowers. The pattern is from Crochet! magazine May 2011, but you could use any similar square.

Been playing with my new camera and finally took a photo of the knitted tea cosy from one of your books "Keep It Cosy". When I went to buy my two cup teapot, I didn't like the teapots available, but I did like the coffee pot. So I bought the little Coffee Pot. Coffee pots are tall & trim whereas Tea Pots are round and plump. Thankfully you gave the dimensions of your teapots in the Teapot Cosy Book. So I casted on for the two cup size and knitted the height for the four cup pot and Walla! a beautiful fit.

Pat P, Ultimo NSW.



Leith S, Ocean View QLD came to visit to increase her stash of tatting books and threads. The snail book marks are made with Lizbeth and created by Leith, the butterfly heart book marks are from HHT261 Animal book marks- a tatted zoo, while the doily is from CP2614 Tatting Patterns by Lyn Morton and made with Klasik thread.



Very reluctantly, I parted with four of my 5" Itty Bitty dolls for special great grand-daughters as a couple of ladies from my craft group no longer knit and they saw how special they are. I bought the first of these dolls to see if I could knit a little beaded outfit, in order to try a porcelain doll in future. I just love these dolls and my little grand-daughter agrees. She turned 3 last month and has been playing with them since the beginning of the year.

It's wonderful watching her carry them carefully in her little hands. She keeps them at our house in boxes that used to contain toiletries - varying shapes with clear lids and little blankets to nestle in. **Jenny C, Estella NSW.**



Just a short note to say thank you. My books arrived today and I am very pleased with them. By golly you must keep the poor post man on the run to get them out so quickly. They are just what I wanted, as the hospital Auxiliary asked me to make baby blankets and clothes for the fete, so now I will have to start working in earnest. Thank you once again and a very special thanks for my free gift. **Helen Mc, Banora Point NSW.**

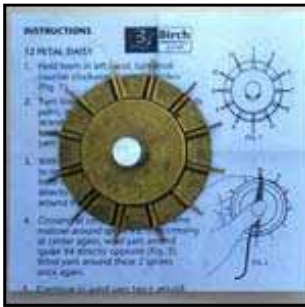
Since you sent me my Clover Arthritic 4mm hook I have kept busy making these shawls for our local CWA group here in Portland. The shawls are donated to the three nursing homes here in Portland. The most time consuming part of making these shawls is sewing the squares together. I crochet mine together. Believe me, the arthritic hook certainly makes a difference. I had a large box of 8ply wool scraps which I have been using. However it does not seem to be decreasing in volume. I'm sure there are gremlins in there. **Anne S, Portland VIC.**



Thankyou so much for my recent order of craft books. You are always so prompt with your deliveries and I really do appreciate it. **Lynn W, Buderim QLD.**



Look at the bits and pieces we found!!



ACCDaisyWHL - Daisy Wheel (metal)
\$12.85



ACCPOMSET - INOX/PRYM Pompon Set \$25.50



ACCBLOOMLOOM - Bloom Loom (Flower Loom) \$7.00



ACCKNITFRENCH - Wood French Knitting Nancy \$10.75



ACCKNITWONDER - Clover Wonder Knitter \$13.95

Clover Pom Pom Makers



ACCPOMCVXS 20 & 25mm \$7.90

ACCPOMCV 35 & 45mm \$10.10

ACCPOMCVLGE - 65 & 85mm \$12.60

ACCPOMCVXLGE - Clover Pom Pom Maker XLge 115mm \$17.65



ACCFLOWERLOOM - Clover "Hana-Ami" Flower Loom \$32.65



ACCKNITMACHINE - Singer Knitting Machine \$57.35

CLOVER YO-YO MAKER tool for quick & easy Yo-Yo - Stitch yo-yos together to make various kinds of handywork.



ACCYOYOXSML \$9.20

Round Shaped approx $\frac{3}{4}$ " (18mm) in diameter.

ACCYOYOSML \$9.20

Round Shaped approx $1\frac{1}{8}$ " (30mm)

ACCYOYOLGE \$10.00

Round Shaped approx $1\frac{3}{4}$ " (45mm) in diameter.

ACCYOYOXLGE \$11.00

Round approx $2\frac{3}{8}$ " (60mm)

ACCYOYOSMLFLR \$10.00

Flower Shaped approx $1\frac{1}{8}$ " (35mm).

ACCYOYOLGEFLR \$11.00

Flower Shaped - approx $1\frac{3}{4}$ " (45mm)

ACCYOYOSMLHRT \$10.00

Heart Shaped - approx 25mm x 30mm

ACCYOYOLGEHRT \$11.00

Heart Shaped - approx 40mm x 45mm

ACCYOYOSMLSHAM \$11.50

Shamrock Shaped - approx 30mm x 30mm

ACCYOYOLGESHAM \$15.10

Shamrock Shaped - approx 45mm x 55mm

ACCYOYOSMLBFLY \$11.00

Butterfly Shaped - approx 30mm x 40mm

ACCYOYOLGEBFLY \$15.10

Butterfly Shaped - approx 45mm x 45mm

ACCYOYOLGEOVAL \$14.40

Oval Shaped - approx 45mm x 75mm



ACCLOOPYSCARF - Loopy Scarf Tool (Boye) \$7.50



ACCEMBKNIT - Embellish Knit Automatic Spool Knitter \$28.50



AP1010104 Marks of Faith Vol 3 \$18.90



ASN1405 Learn to Knit on Circle Looms \$16.95



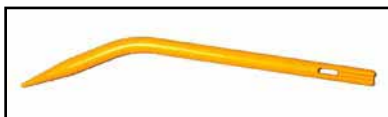
ASN1433 Learn New Stitches Circle Loom \$16.95



ACCSEWKIT - Sewing & Embroidery Gift Set \$14.35



ACCTHRCUTSC - Thread cutting scissors \$12.50



ACCTARTWEAVE - Tartan Weaver Needle \$5.00



ACCBOD - Flexible Bodkin 29.5cm Birch \$4.15



ACCTHREAD - Yarn Threader Birch Pkt 2 \$1.35



ACCTAP13 - Tapestry Needles Size 13 Birch/Bates \$1.95



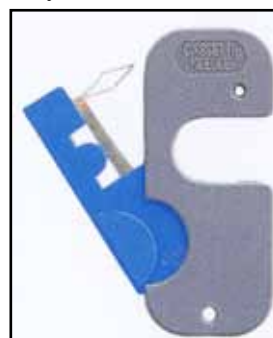
ACCWOOLNDL - Wool Needles Birch \$0.95



ACCTHREADCV - Clover Quilt Needle Threader \$10.25



ACCTHREADEMBCV - Clover Embroidery Needle Threader \$14.30



ACCNCASECVM - Clover Medium Needle Threader and Case \$10.55



ACCPENDCUTYRN - Clover Yarn Cutter Pendant \$12.30



ACCYRNTHREADCV - Clover Yarn Threader (Antique Gold) \$14.80



ACCAWLVCV - Clover Tapered Tailor's Awl \$11.40



ACCMAGBOARDSML - Magnet Line Minder 6" x 8" \$7.50

ACCMAGBOARDLGE - Magnet Line Minder 8" x 10" \$10.95



ACCPENCIL - Clover Iron-On Transfer Pencil (Blue) \$5.00



ACCTATGUAGE - Tatting Needle & Picot Gauge \$7.95



ACCYRNBOB6 - Yarn Bobbins (Set 6) \$1.60

ACCYRNBOB10 - Yarn Bobbins (Set 10) \$2.60

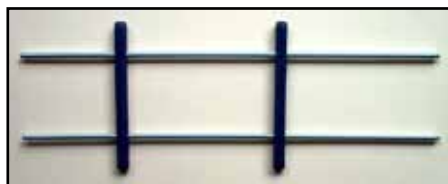
ACCYRNBOBLGE - Yarn Bobbins Large (Set 2) \$2.10



ACCCORDER - Custom Corder (Kreinik) \$23.95



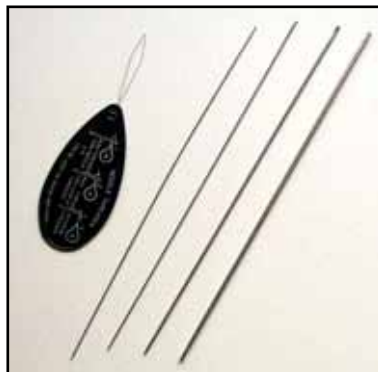
HOOKHAIRPIN - Hairpin crochet prongs - fixed \$3.75



HOOKHAIRPINADJ - Bates Adjustable Hairpin Lace Loom \$7.95



HOOKHAIRPINC - Hair Pin Lace Tool (Clover) \$24.20



ACCTATNDLSET - Set of 3 tatting needles (+ 1 FREE needle) \$17.95



ACCSHUTTLEWIND - Lacs Shuttle Winder \$10.95



HOOKSETMINI - Miniature Hook Set \$24.35



ACCDAYLIGHTBATFRE - Daylight Freedom Portable Lamp Battery Operated \$193.70



ACCDAYLIGHTTWIST - Daylight Twist Portable Lamp A33700 \$129.95



BEADPOMIX75G - Plastic Jug Beads, 8mm, Opaque Mixed (Pkt 75g/260 beads) \$11.00



BEADSTRING - Pre-Strung Seed Beads, size 11 \$5.95